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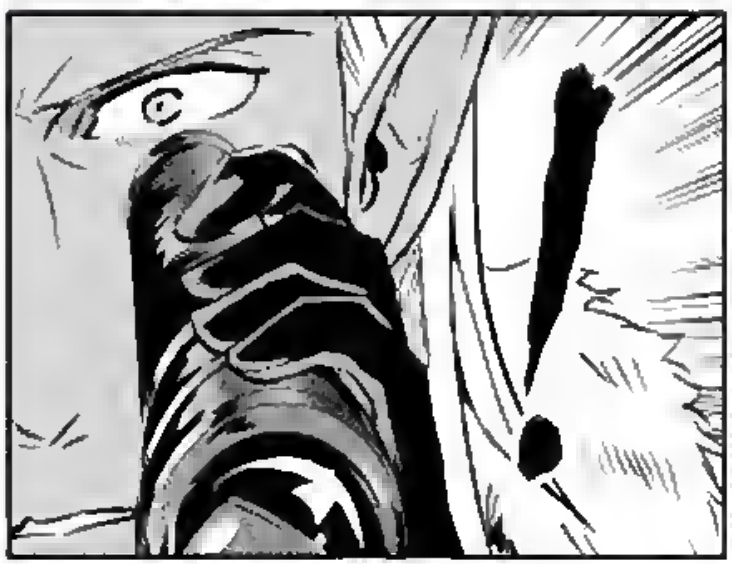

WHAT'S GOING ON?!
ALL THE PEOPLE NEAR THE CANNON ARE TAKING REFUGE!
THERE'S A MASSIVE BUILDUP OF MANA WITHIN A 500M RADIUS OF THE CANNON!
IT CAN'T BE!
THEY'RE FIRING IT?!

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DAMN IT!

LAYING DOWN OUR LIVES TO DESTROY THAT CANNON IS OUR BEST PLAN RIGHT NOW!
IF PARATEON AND HIS HIGHNESS ARE GONE, WHAT MEANING COULD OUR VICTORY HOLD?!
SIR!
NO, THAT'S TOO HASTY.
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SIR, WE SHOULD ATTACK BEFORE THEY FIRE A SECOND SHOT!
PARATEON ISN'T SOME RICKETY SHACK THAT'LL JUST TOPPLE OVER FROM A SINGLE HIT.
NO, WE WILL PREPARE OURSELVES TO CARRY OUT THE ORIGINAL PLAN PERFECTLY.

PLEASE
YES...
HOLD OUT.
ALL WE CAN DO IS TRUST HIM NOW.
WE WILL ENTRUST HIS HIGHNESS AND ALL OF OUR COMRADES WITH PARATEON AND FOCUS ON WINNING OUR OWN BATTLE.

AN UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT IS FLYING STRAIGHT AT US!
YOUR HIGHNESS,

IT'S HERE!
BRACE FOR IMPACT!
ACTIVATE THE DEFENSIVE BARRIER!

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WE'VE SWITCHED OVER TO THE EMERGENCY LIGHTS!
IS EVERYONE FINE?!
ARE YOU OKAY?
YES.
I'M SORRY FOR TROUBLING YOU... I'M COMPLETELY FINE.
I SEE.

DAMAGE REPORT:
GO TO THE SICKBAY LATER JUST IN CASE.
THERE IS A HOLE IN SECTION 213 OF LONG WALL 1! THE PROJECTILE SEEMS TO HAVE PIERCED THE WALL
THE FUSED PROJECTILE HAS BEEN FOUND IN ONE OF THE UNDERGROUND PASSAGES IN LONG WALL 2! THE AREA IS BEING SEALED OFF AND A TEAM WILL BE SENT IN TO DEAL WITH IT!
AND CONTINUED INTO THE UNDERGROUND STRUCTURE OF LONG WALL 2, DAMAGING IT.

YOUR HIGHNESS, IT'S DANGEROUS HERE, WE SHOULD MOVE TO THE UNDERGROUND CONTROL ROOM!
SEND OUT REPAIR TEAMS IMMEDIATELY! I DON'T CARE IF THEY'RE OFFICERS, SEND ANYONE WHO'S AVAILABLE!

PRINCESS GLORIE, HURRAH!
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WELL?
THE DEFENSIVE BARRIER WAS PIERCED!
AND YET IT STILL STANDS...

INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE, ADJUSTING THE AIM, AND LOADING THE NEXT SHOT WILL TAKE ABOUT AN HOUR
THAT'S TOO SLOW!
TELL THEM TO HURRY UP! DON'T GIVE THE ENEMY ANY TIME TO REACT!
WHEN CAN THE NEXT SHOT BE FIRED?
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WE DON'T HAVE ANY REPLACEMENTS FOR THUNDER
NO, IT'S BEST THEY TAKE THEIR TIME,

THERE'S NO NEED FOR WORRY, OUR VICTORY IS ASSURED.

1 HOUR LATER THE NEXT SHOT WAS FIRED.
THE KINGDOM'S SOLDIERS HURRIED TO REPAIR THE FORTRESS, ALL THE WHILE FEARING THAT THE NEXT SHOT WOULD HIT THEM.

I'M HEADING OUT THERE.
THE SECOND SHOT PASSED OVER THE FORTRESS, LEAVING A MASSIVE CRATER IN THE PLAIN BEHIND THE FORTRESS.
THE THIRD WAS FIRED AN HOUR AFTER THAT, FALLING JUST SHORT OF THE FORTRESS. WITH THIS, THE KINGDOM ASSUMED THAT IT TOOK ABOUT AN HOUR TO FIRE EACH SHOT FROM THE CANNON.
LECTIVAL DECIDED THAT IT WAS TIME TO EXECUTE A PLAN THAT HE AND GALAHA HAD PREPARED.

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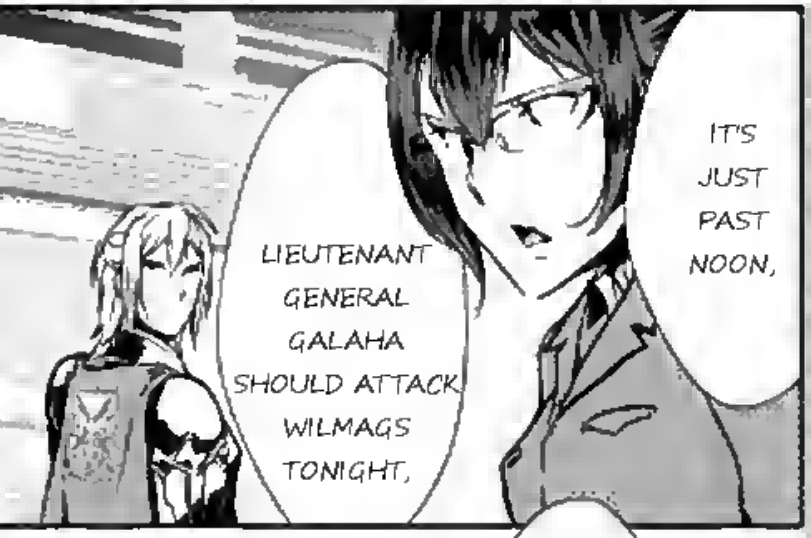
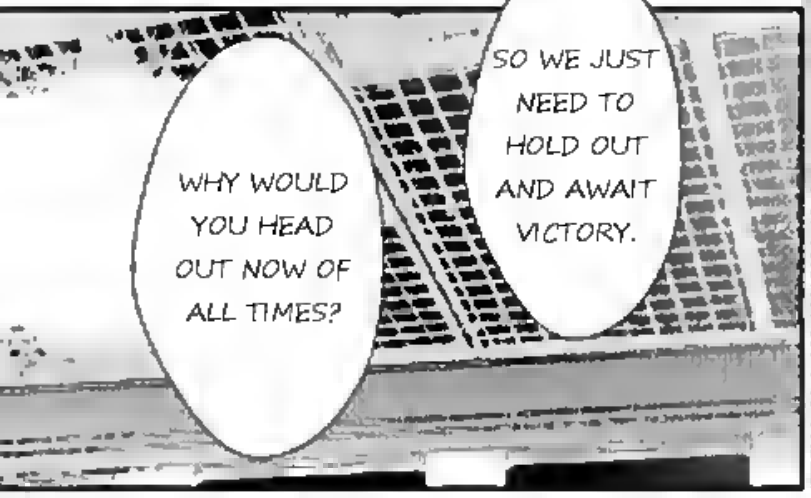
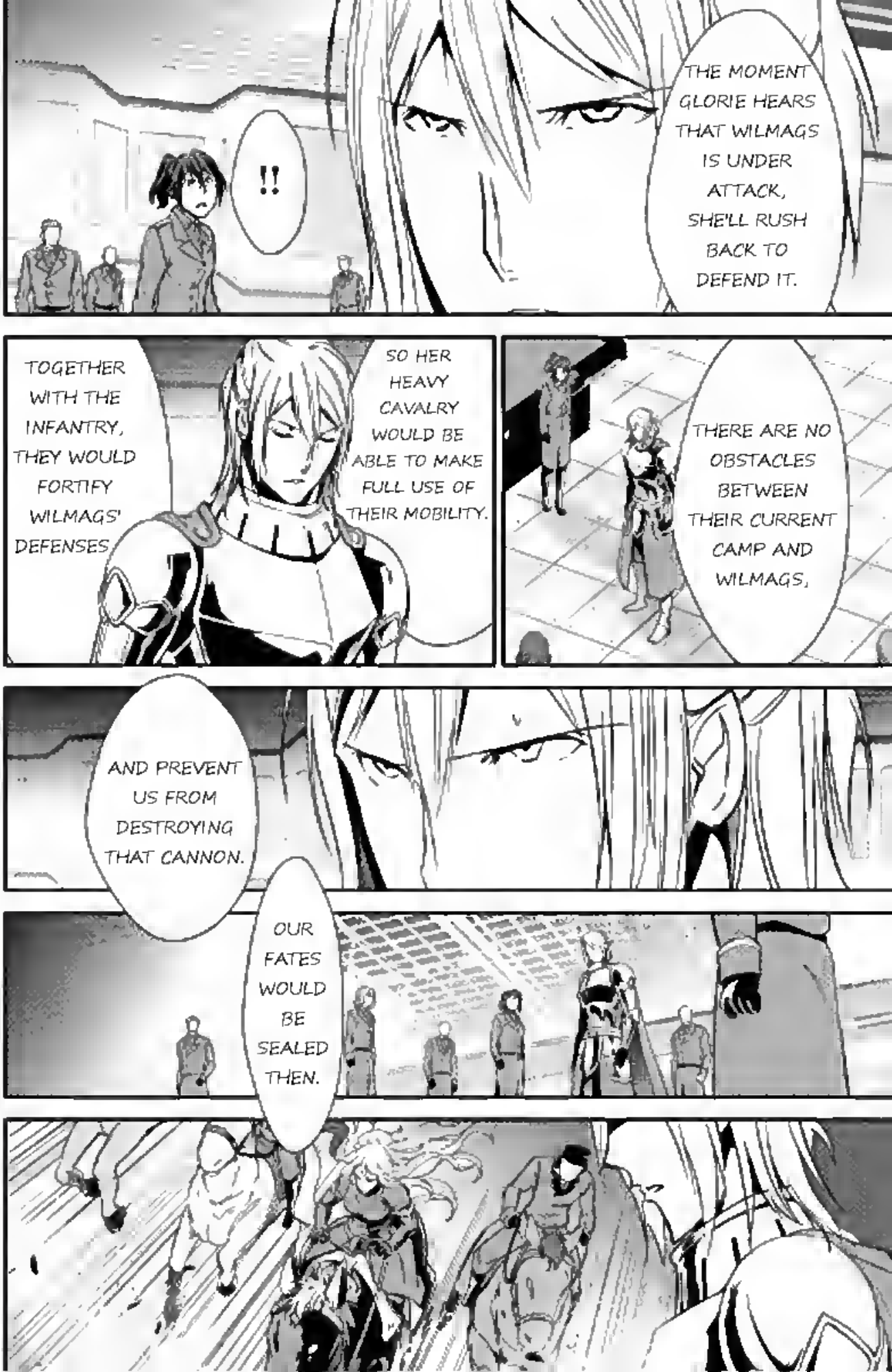
YOUR HIGHNESS, IS THIS PART OF A PREVIOUSLY PREPARED PLAN?
YES.

THE ENEMY OUTNUMBERS US 9 TO 1,


IT'S JUST PAST NOON,
LIEUTENANT GENERAL GALAHA SHOULD ATTACK WILMAGS TONIGHT,

REGARDLESS OF OUR TROOPS' CAPABILITIES, IT SEEMS SENSELESS TO FIGHT THE ENEMY LIKE THIS...


SO WE JUST NEED TO HOLD OUT AND AWAIT VICTORY.
WHY WOULD YOU HEAD OUT NOW OF ALL TIMES?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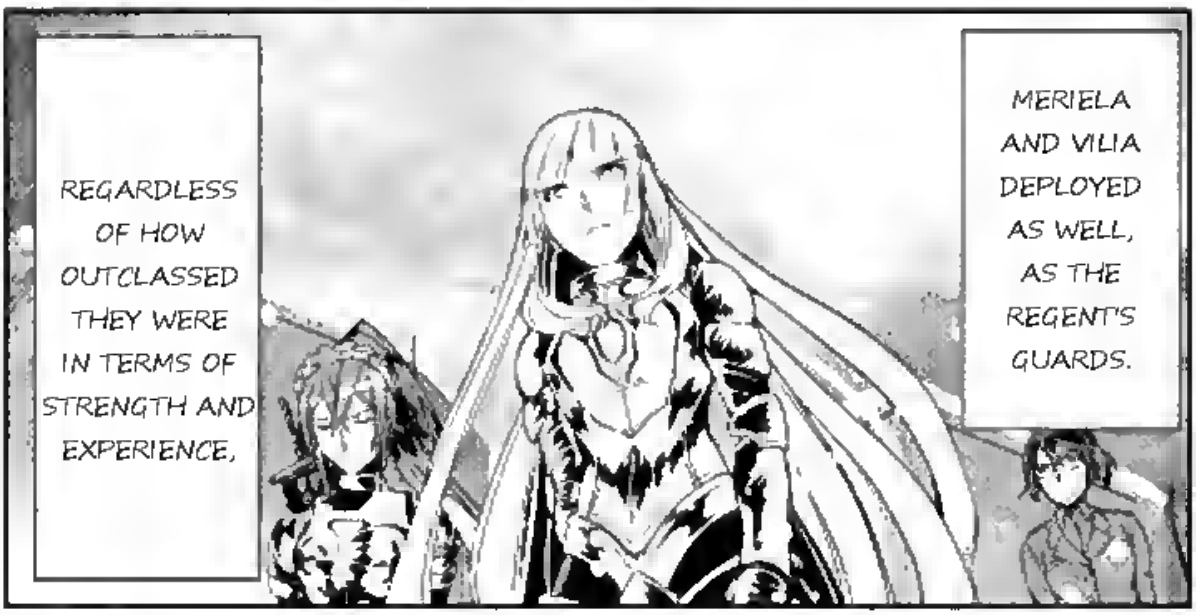
THE MOMENT GLORIE HEARS THAT WILMAGS IS UNDER ATTACK, SHE'LL RUSH BACK TO DEFEND IT.
TOGETHER WITH THE INFANTRY, THEY WOULD FORTIFY WILMAGS' DEFENSES.
SO HER HEAVY CAVALRY WOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE FULL USE OF THEIR MOBILITY.
THERE ARE NO OBSTACLES BETWEEN THEIR CURRENT CAMP AND WILMAGS,
AND PREVENT US FROM DESTROYING THAT CANNON.
OUR FATES WOULD BE SEALED THEN.

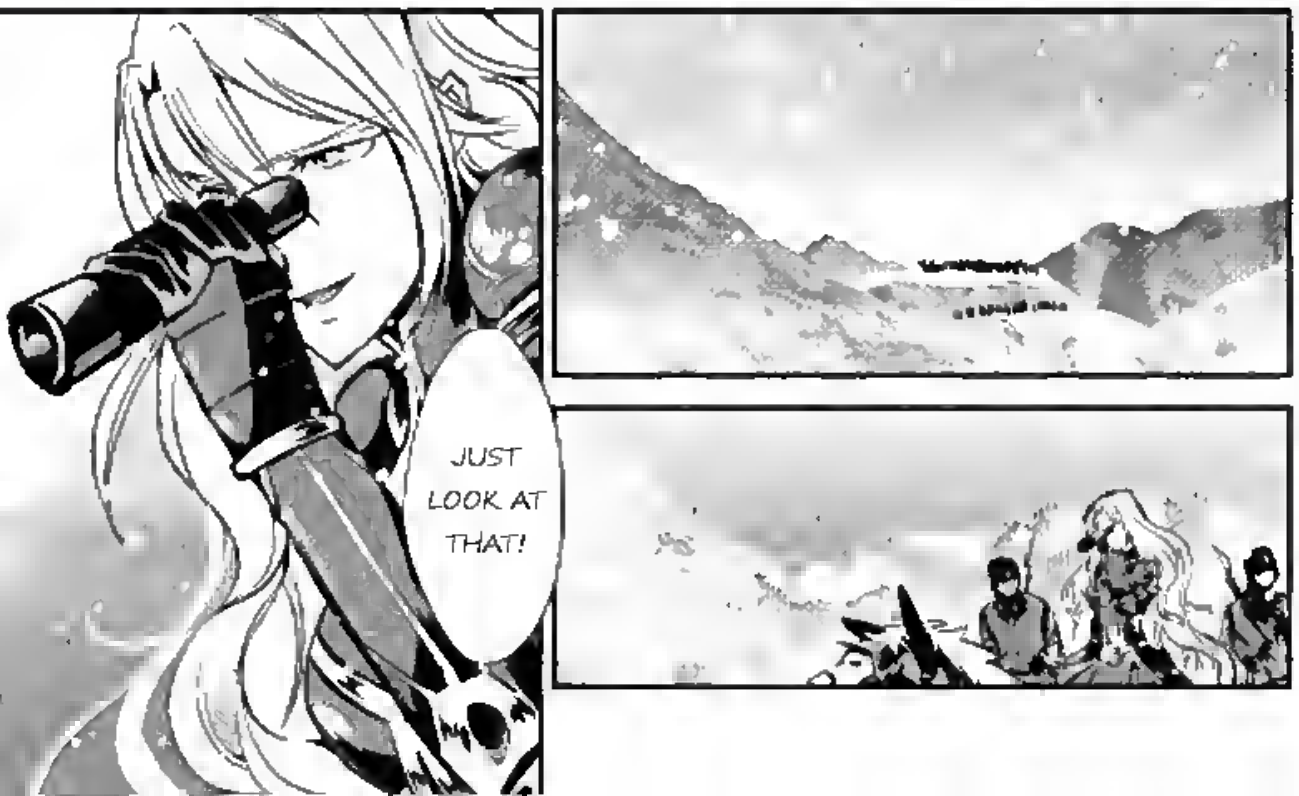
REGARDLESS OF HOW MANY SOLDIERS WILL DIE BECAUSE OF THIS,
I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU THINK OF THIS PLAN,
WE'RE HEADING OUT THERE!
REGARDLESS OF HOW BIG OF A GAMBLE THIS IS...
THIS IS AN ORDER FROM THE SUPREME COMMANDER OF THE KINGDOM'S MILITARY!

AND SO, SOLDIERS MARCHED OUT AND MOVED INTO POSITION OUTSIDE THE FORTRESS.


REGARDLESS OF HOW OUTCLASSED THEY WERE IN TERMS OF STRENGTH AND EXPERIENCE,
MERIELA AND VILIA DEPLOYED AS WELL, AS THE REGENT'S GUARDS.

THEY HAD NO INTENTION OF BACKING DOWN FROM A FIGHT WITH GLORIE.

IT WAS AN UNPRECEDENTED GAMBLE WHERE THE RULER WAS LEADING HIS OWN GUARDS AT THE VERY FRONT.


JUST LOOK AT THAT!

HAH, HAHAHA HAHA!
LECTIVAL, ARE YOU ANNOUNCING YOUR PRESENCE
AND INVITING ME OVER THERE?
I'M OVER HERE, I CAN'T DO ANYTHING IF YOU'RE THAT FAR AWAY.

MY SWORD SIMPLY DOESN'T REACH THAT FAR!

IF YOU WON'T COME OVER HERE, THEN I'LL SIMPLY COME TO YOU, LECTIVAL!
I'LL COME FOR YOUR FLESH AND BLOOD!